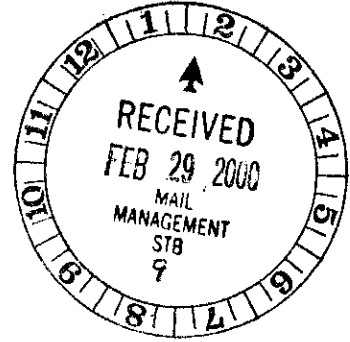




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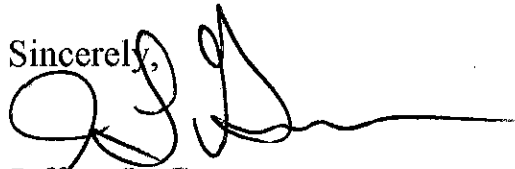
February 28, 2000

Surface Transportation Board  
Office of the Secretary  
Case Control Unit, Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 582  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Sir:

I am submitting the original and 10 copies of this notice. I request that the Board waive the electronic submission requirement for this notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JL Gunn".

Jeffrey L. Gunn  
Director of Transportation  
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Darling International is a manufacturer and marketer of livestock feed ingredients and a raw material supplier to the oleo chemical industry. Darling International is opposed to the merger of the BNSF and CN railroads.

Points of opposition:

- Service and operational problems as a result of merger.
- Additional costs to shippers as a result of increased transit and dwell times.
- Merger may create a domino effect, causing other rail mergers.
- Reduction in competition by consolidation.
- Post merger promises fall short.

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